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1. SEP 26 PRIMARILY TAKEN UP WITH PLENARY DEBATE ON UK, BRAZILIAN AND BELGIAN PROPOSALS CONCERNING FUTURE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF WORLD AND REGIONAL PLAN COMMITTEES. MOST WESTERN EUROPEANS, USSR, JAPAN, INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND ZAIRE SUPPORTED UK AND BRAZILIAN PROPOSALS. US DID SIMILARLY BUT REQUESTED CLARIFICATION FROM SEC GEN REGARDING AVAILABLE METHODS FOR FINANCING FORUMS PROPOSED BY BRAZIL. MOST AFRICANS, SPAIN, ITALY AND MEXICO URGED RETENTION OF REGIONAL PLAN MEETINGS AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED.

2. BELGIAN PROPOSAL IN IPINION US DEL VERGES ON GIVING PLAN COMMITTEE, UNDER GUISE OF POLICY ROLE, A VOICE IN DETERMINING WHAT FACILITIES WILL BE INTRODUCED, WHAT ROUTING WILL BE USED, ETC. CONSEQUENTLY, US STRONGLY OPPOSED PROPOSAL AND WAS SUPPORTED BY USSR, INDIA AND TANZANIA. EUROPEANS GENERALLY AMBIVALENT.

3. WORKING PARTY FORMED UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP GRAVELL (AUSTRALIA) TO DRAFT RESPONSE TO ADMINISTRATIVE
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COUNCIL REGARDING FUTURE TERMS OF REFERENCE. GRAVELL HOPEFUL HE CAN GET SUPPORT FOR A LETTER WHICH REPORTS

MAJORITY FAVORED UK AND BRAZILIAN PROPOSALS AND MAJORITY FURTHER FAVORED CONCEPT OF FORUMS ON TECHNICAL ISSUES AS CONTAINED IN BOTH BRAZILIAN AND BELGIAN PROPOSALS. HE WOULD AVOID REFERENCE TO ANYTHING ELSE IN BELGIAN PAPER. IN VIEW OF SEC GEN'S RESPONSE THAT FORUMS COULD NOT BE FINANCED BY UNDP, GRAVELL PROPOSES TO SAY SUCH FORUMS WOULD BE USEFUL SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. US WILL PARTICIPATE IN WORKING PARTY.

4. PLENARY ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY OF THE WORLD PLAN COMMITTEE REPORTED REFTEL B.

5. PLENARY ESTABLISHED WORKING PARTY UNDER BIOT (BELGIUM) TO CONSIDER THREE PROPOSALS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF NEW TELEPHONE AND TELEX DESTINATION CODES. US WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING PARTY.
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